Funds for upgradation of Airports

592. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going projects for development/upgradation of various airports both at national and international level in the country particularly the upgradation of Mumbai Airport in Maharashtra as an International Airport;

(b) the details of targets set for completing/upgradation of each airport, location-wise till date; and

(c) the funds allocated/released during 2004-05 and 2005-06 year-wise, and airport-wise for this purpose particularly Mumbai Airport, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing projects and targets set for development/upgradation of major airports including Mumbai airport in Maharashtra airport-wise are as under:—

Mumbai	upgradation/modification of terminal building likely to be completed by December 2005, upgradation and construction of parallel, rapid and exit Taxi track, additional parking bays and resurfacing of runway to be completed by September 2006.
Kolkata	construction of integrated cargo complex to be completed by March-2006, upgradation and construction of taxi track, additional parking bays to be completed by May 2006.
Delhi	replacement of AC plants at terminal-2 to be completed by November 2005, upgradation and construction parallel rapid and exit taxi track, additional parking bays, resurfacing of runway and allied works to be completed by May 2006.
Chennai	expansion and modification of international terminal building to be completed by August 2006, construction of additional parking bays, shoulders and turning pads to be completed by July 2006.
Amritsar	The work of terminal building is likely to be completed by December 2005.

Surat	The development works are likely to be completed by December 2006.
Hyderabad	extension and resurfacing of runway, apron taxi track etc. to be completed by March 2006.
Vishakha-patnam	development works are likely to be completed by March 2006.

Besides, various development works relating to terminal building, apron, runway, taxi track etc. have been undertaken at Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Ahmedabad and Porbandar in Gujarat, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh are likely to be completed by March 2006 and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir is likely to be completed by December 2006.

(c) Funds released during 2004-05 and allocated for 2005-06 respectively at major airports, airport-wise in crores of Rupees are as under:

Mumbai (50.84, 76.01), Kolkata (34.57, 34.89), Delhi (36.19, 67.04), Chennai (17.84, 45.05), Trivandrum (17.43, 12.53), Surat (2.82, 10.00), Hyderabad (10.42, 10.20) and Vishakhapatnam (54.01, 31.00).

Mechanism for Uninterrupted Air Services

593. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to make effective Mechanism to ensure uninterrupted air services and timely landing/taking off of aircrafts at the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken so far/proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated action to provide additional parking stands, expansion/upgradation of terminal buildings, runways, taxiways at many airports. AAI gives incentives to airlines to operate and park their aircraft at other than notified international airports. These steps would help decongest the airports and ensure uninterrupted air services and timely landing/taking off of aircrafts.